

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

It is noted that this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, and that prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with U.S. patent practice under *Ex parte Quayle*.

The Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 1-6.

By the foregoing amendment, claims 1 and 3 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions as set forth in the Office Action mailed September 8, 2005. If any additional amendment is necessary to place the claims in better form, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. As such, the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability is earnestly solicited.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing client matter number 024201-00001.

Respectfully submitted,

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